

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Update on Parks & Recreation and Public Works Department Recruitments

Deadline for submission of applications for the position of Parks and Recreation Supervisor was Monday, October 31. 18 applications were received. Applications will be screened and those not meeting the minimum requirements will be eliminated from further consideration. Interviews will be scheduled for early November and appointment should occur by December 1.



City Manager Maureen Cassingham

A second recruitment to fill the position of Public Works Maintenance Supervisor is currently underway. Final filing date was November 18, 2005. Interviews were scheduled during the week of November 28.

Notice of Funding Eligibility Received from State for Disaster Mitigation Grant Program

On October 6, 2005, the City Council received a presentation from Public Safety Officer Steve Garcia on the Los Altos Hills Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex to the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Government Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local governments to focus on hazard mitigation before, rather than after, a disaster occurs. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) developed the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Government Hazard Mitigation Plan that provides the Town, and other participating Bay Area governments with a variety of mitigation strategies to reduce/prevent damage to infrastructures, schools, commercial and residential structures caused by disasters. The Town's Annex was submitted to FEMA on October 28 for approval. Once the Annex is approved, the City Council will be asked to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan for the Town to be eligible for future mitigation funding. The Governor's Office has reviewed the Town's Notice of Intent to apply for funding to seismically retrofit the Corporation Yard and Emergency Operations Center as critical facilities. The State has determined that these projects as proposed would be eligible for grant funding should the Town choose to compete.

Attendance at CALPERS 2005 Educational Forum

Recently administrative staff attended the 2005 California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS) Forum, which featured workshops on reducing employee health care costs, social security, pension rate volatility, CALPERS investments and disability retirements. CALPERS has been asked to explore on behalf of its member agencies oversight of a post-retirement health care benefits program and investment of funded liabilities for same. Staff will continue to aggressively monitor and give input to the CALPERS Board and staff with regard to pension reform and health care cost control and containment.

—Maureen Cassingham, City Manager

SAFETY CORNER — Did You Know?

Burglaries are on the Rise!

Help Prevent Burglary and Identity Theft

Statistics developed by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office show that burglaries in Los Altos Hills have increased. As of September 2005, there were 23 reported residential burglaries compared to 13 the same time last year.

The Town of Los Altos Hills has arranged a free Crime Prevention Presentation aimed at the prevention of residential burglary and identity theft by experienced detectives from the Fraud and Property Crimes Unit of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

When: Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 7 pm

Where: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road
(Seating is limited)

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Steven Garcia, Public Safety Officer, at (650) 941-7222 x242. Bring your family and neighbors!

Are you Prepared for a Disaster?

Disasters can strike suddenly, any time and anywhere. The Town of Los Altos Hills and the Palo Alto Area Chapter of the American Red Cross want you to know the five steps you can take to prepare for a disaster and help make a difference.

Town Public Safety Officer Steven Garcia and the American Red Cross will be presenting "Together We Prepare" to Los Altos Hills residents on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7 pm to 8 pm at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

The presentation is free to all. The American Red Cross will also have emergency supplies and kits for sale. Seating is limited. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Steven Garcia, Public Safety Officer, (650) 941-7222 x242.

Needed: Volunteers for Disaster Training

The local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a group of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills volunteers that will give critical support to first responders in major emergencies. They offer immediate care for victims, organize neighborhood groups and collect information to support first responder efforts and the Town's emergency operations.

CERT members will work with local amateur radio operators and Town emergency staff during a disaster. Training is provided by the Los Altos Police Department. If you are interested in becoming a CERT member or you need more information about the CERT program, contact Sgt. John Korges, Los Altos Police Department, at (650) 947-2681 or Steven Garcia, Public Safety Officer, at (650) 941-7222 x242.

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